Further, oil and gas production of ONGC between April' 02 to October' 02 is higher than the production for the corresponding period in the previous year of 2001-02.ONGC has reported that there is no unrest and the industrial relations are quite peaceful. However, the Corporation has embarked upon an organizational restructuring exercise to address the imbalances in availability and requirement of manpower throughout the organisation and is, therefore, proposing to introduce an attractive Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) so that repositioning of the staff across the organisation may be achieved after the exit of VRS optees.

LPG Consumption

1466. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be Pleased to state :

(a) the number of households which are covered by LPG in the country as on date;

(b) the number of households which are in urban areas, semi-urban areas, rural areas alongwith the State-wise figures for the last three years; and

(c) the percentage of LPG coverage by Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum, other oil companies and private sector in the country alongwith the State-wise figures for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) As on 1.10.2002, Public Sector Oil Marketing companies (OMCs) have 668 lakh domestic customers registered with their LPG distributors in the country.

(b) The customer population, at all India level, in urban and rural areas, registered with OMCs for the last three years was as under :

(figures in lakhs)

Year	Urban	Rural
As on 1.4.2000	455.22	18.07
As on 1.4.2001	543.07	35.46
As on 1.4.2002	582.48	52.53

(c) As on 1.4.2002, the market share of OMCs in LPG distribution, at all India level, was as under :

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	—	50.4%
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	—	24.5%
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	—	24.9%
IBP Co. Ltd.	—	0.2%

Diversion of CNG to Transport Sector

1467. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether diversion of Compressed Natural Gas to meet the Capital's transport demand has led to closure of several industries and lay off of 1500 workers in the National Capital Region;

(b) whether this has been done in response to a Supreme Court Order in April, 2002 to the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) to augment its supply of CNG from one to two mmscmd per day solely for the use of transport sector; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views on this and the action taken to compensate the affected industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) :(a) to (c) The Supreme Court of India vide its Orders dated 5.4.2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029/85—MC Mehta V/s Union of India and other had directed to allocate and make available 16.1. lakh KG per day (2 MMSCMD) of CNG in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by June 30, 2002 for use by the Transport Sector. In order to comply with the above orders of the Supreme Court Government have allocated 2 MMSCMD of gas to Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) for CNG purposes by cutting supplies of the consumers having fall-back allocations along HBJ including industries in and around Delhi. As per the terms of the contract between GAIL and consumers concerned the fall-back supplies are purely on temporary basis subject to availability of natural gas and the consumers have to maintain duel fuel facilities. Therefore, question of paying any compensation does not arise.

Identification of Gas Reserves in the Country

1468. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some private and public sector companies have been able to strike gas in various explorations;